

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

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IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

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Senator Ellison asked:

In January the department withdrew the 985i form, made essential changes to a further 21 forms and booklets, and made non essential changes to 17 forms and booklets. Can the department provide the committee with a full list of the specific changes made to each form and booklet?

Answer:

The following table outlines the essential and non-essential changes made to forms in January:

Form No	Essential Non essential	Specific Change
26	Essential	New text on 'identification' and minor change to question 18 on pregnant visa applicants.
40SP	Essential	Clarify information on protection of children: ensuring any non-migrating person with parental responsibility is informed when the sponsor has a conviction or charges awaiting legal action re child sex offences.
47P	Essential	Update contact details for various countries and areas where police certificates must be obtained by visa applicants.
48S	Essential	Clarify information given to the applicant on sponsorship arrangements and insertion of identity card details
157A	Essential	Changes due to ESOS legislation (DEST) with greater emphasis on under 18 welfare. Legal advice recommended the Department notify parents and carers that the Department takes no responsibility for student welfare arrangements
157G	Essential	Changes due to ESOS legislation (DEST) with greater emphasis on under 18 welfare. Legal advice recommended the Department notify parents and carers that the Department takes no responsibility for student welfare arrangements
157N	Essential	Changes due to ESOS legislation (DEST) with greater emphasis on under 18 welfare. Legal advice recommended the Department notify parents and carers that the Department takes no responsibility for student welfare arrangements

160	Essential	New text on 'identification' and changes to questions pertaining to pregnant visa applicants
601	Essential	Legislative changes of 01 July 2007 now allow for onshore clients to apply for visitor visas for the purposes of studying as well as insertion of identity card details. (Certain limitations on student visa holders remain)
983i	Essential	01 July 2007 legislative changes re studying on tourist visas onshore and VAC free for EU national PPT holders and amalgamating forms 983i and 985i into one form 983i
990i	Essential	Legislative change in relation to Trade Skills Training and changes advised through the Global Feedback Unit
994i	Essential	Update statistical information and URL references in language and education and assistance section. Update information on translating and interpreting services
1003	Essential	Insertion of identity card details
1121i	Essential	Update changes to assessing authority references
1127	Essential	Clarify information on protection of children: ensuring any non-migrating person with parental responsibility is informed when the sponsor has a conviction or charges awaiting legal action re child sex offences
1129	Essential	Clarification of key considerations for applicants and removal of 'Living in Australia' information
1147	Essential	Clarify changes to conditions in line with ANAO report on Electronic Travel Authorities ETAs (07-08 – Performance Audit Report No 2 Chapter 7 recommendation 2 item 7.51)
1149	Essential	Change to processing centre address for subclass 679 visas to keep in line with website information
1150	Essential	Clarify information provided to applicants
1163i	Essential	Amendment to wording around health examination requirements.
1234i	Essential	Changes due to ESOS legislation (DEST) with greater emphasis on under 18 welfare. Legal advice recommended the Department notify parents and carers that the Department takes no responsibility for a student's welfare arrangements
1276	Essential	Clarification of application requirements. Change references to IELTS 5.5 to concessional competent English. Additions to subclass 887 declaration
0048	Non essential	Clarify information to applicants on 'How to apply'
0048R	Non essential	Clarify information to applicants on 'How to apply'
0424A	Non essential	Clarify document to improve client responses as requested by the Ombudsman
0424B	Non essential	Clarify document to improve client responses as requested by the Ombudsman

0424C	Non essential	Clarify document to improve client responses as requested by the Ombudsman
0913	Non essential	Clarify details given to nominees regarding 'Student exception'
1025i	Non essential	Clarify information given to applicants regarding their possible entitlements to Medicare
1071i	Non essential	Clarify information given to applicants around requests for medical information.
1119	Non essential	Removal of 'Living in Australia' information
1128	Non essential	Removal of 'Living in Australia' information
1130	Non essential	Content of 1130Pak changed, cover page amended to differentiate 01/08 version of 1130Pak from previous design version. 01/08 version included the new Life In Australia Book
1131	Non Essential	Content of 1131Pak changed, cover page amended to differentiate 01/08 version of 1131Pak from previous design version. 01/08 version included the new Life In Australia Book
1132	Non essential	Changes to 'English language' provisions to better reflect legislation
1133	Non Essential	Content of 1133Pak changed, Cover page amended to differentiate 01/08 version of 1131Pak from previous design version. 01/08 version included the new Life In Australia Book.
1238	Non essential	Amendment of identity card details
1277	Non essential	Changes to 'Skilled-regional sponsored visa holders' provisions to better reflect legislation
1298i	Non essential	Amend form title to remove restriction to release date